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Insurance Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

HB 5250 AAC CONTRACTS BETWEEN OPTOMETRISTS AND HEALTH INSURERS

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully opposes HB 5250 AAC Contracts between Optometrists and Health Insurers.

If we understand the bill correctly, it seeks to impose certain restrictions on the manner in which health plans may contract for certain optometric services that provide a value-added benefit to consumers by allowing for discounted eye wear in addition.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and proposals like the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant initiative anticipated under the Governor's proposed budget, continue to look to health plans for innovative solutions that assure quality care in a cost effective manner. Proposals like HB 5250 undermine the ability of health carriers to make good on the promise of reform by limiting their ability to provide consumers with benefit structures that save money for their members and we urge the Committee's rejection.

Thank you for your consideration.